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H. INOUE et al.

Serial No.:

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Group Art Unit:

3746

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Examiner:

Michael Koczo Jr.

or: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERATING METHOD THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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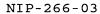
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.